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Most people already know that MIT is in the midst of an athletic facilities crunch. However, winter tends to aggravate old problems and create new ones faster than the old ones can be fixed. *foul shots* peers at winter's problems in MIT's facilities.

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EXCERPTS

With the arrival of the autumn months, the zoologist once again observes the advent of the preemy. A preemy, for the uninitiated, is that peculiar life form which exhibits a bent toward medical school. The stage of preemy metamorphosis we shall examine here is the characteristic four-year cycle of activity shortly after (and often including) adolescence.

Particularly outstanding is the male of the species. This gender (more so than the female) has been known to prostrate itself before anything with a high school degree. Such is its fervor that it does, in fact, give even PhD's the fourth degree. This prostration displays the posterior end to advantage, which should be administered a good, swift kick.

— Frank Denton
The Collegian

THE TECH

This is the last regular issue of *The Tech* for the fall term. We will publish on Wednesdays during IAP starting Jan. 11, 1978. We will resume our normal schedule of Tuesday and Friday publication on Feb. 7, 1978.

ERRATA

Last Tuesday's *foul shots* incorrectly stated that David Schaller '78 is the captain of the pistol team. The current captain of the team is Dennis McMullen '78. *The Tech* regrets the error.

Reg. forms deadline: why it was changed

By David B. Koretz

Moving up the due date for second-term registration material to the last day of classes was not intended by the Registrar's Office to inconvenience students, but rather to generate usable pre-Registration Day enrollment information.

According to Ronald P. Smith, Associate Registrar, early return of the registration material will enable the Registrar's Office to give academic departments class-size estimates in time to affect teaching assignments.

In addition, he indicated that the matchup of classes to rooms will be made easier by the early reports.

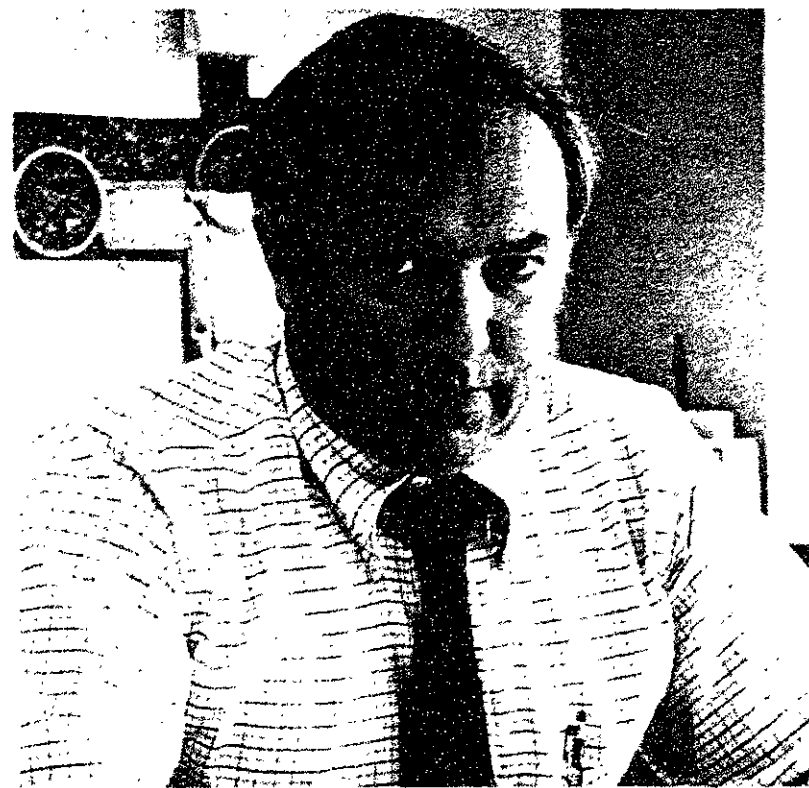
Smith said that the change will

be continued; for example, students will have to turn in fall 1978 registration material before they leave in May.

In the past, spring-term registration forms have been due in mid-January, although the deadline was moved up last year to the first week of IAP. Fall registration has, in recent years, been handed out in May but not due until early August. Before three years ago, the material was mailed out to students in the summer and due in August.

Smith emphasized that the change was made after carefully considering the pattern of registration in previous years. He said that in the past, up to 75 per-

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Associate Registrar Ronald P. Smith (Photo by Monty Solomon)

Number of women here has leveled off

By Elias Towe

Director of Admissions Peter Richardson '48 said that he is "cautiously optimistic" about the number of women expected to enroll at MIT next fall.

Over a ten-year period from 1967 to 1977, the number of women in the entering class has increased from 52 to 171. The number has held steady over the last three years after a decline from the peak class of '78, which included 211 women.

Based on the general increase over the ten-year period, Richardson said he was hopeful about next fall's class.

"The trick, however," said Richardson, "is to maintain that stability in the yield—the percentage of women who accept MIT's offer of admission."

Richardson went on to say that the Admissions Office would like to see more women enrolled at MIT. He also noted that Ivy League schools such as Harvard generally have percentages of women close to 30 percent, compared to the 15 percent in MIT classes, and blamed this difference on society's traditional attitude that engineering colleges should be exclusively for men.

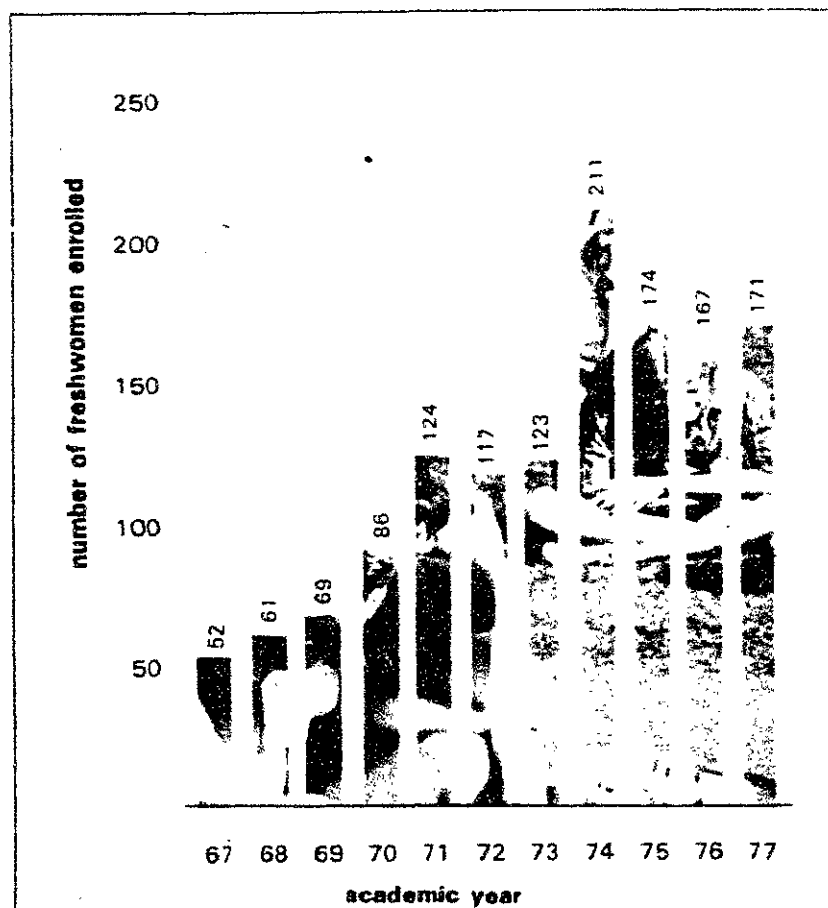
According to Richardson, MIT's main problem in recruiting women is in convincing them to apply, not in searching for qualified applicants.

For the past five years the Admissions Office has mailed approximately 10,000 letters annually to prospective women students. The small number who actually apply reflects "society's attitude towards engineering colleges," according to Richardson.

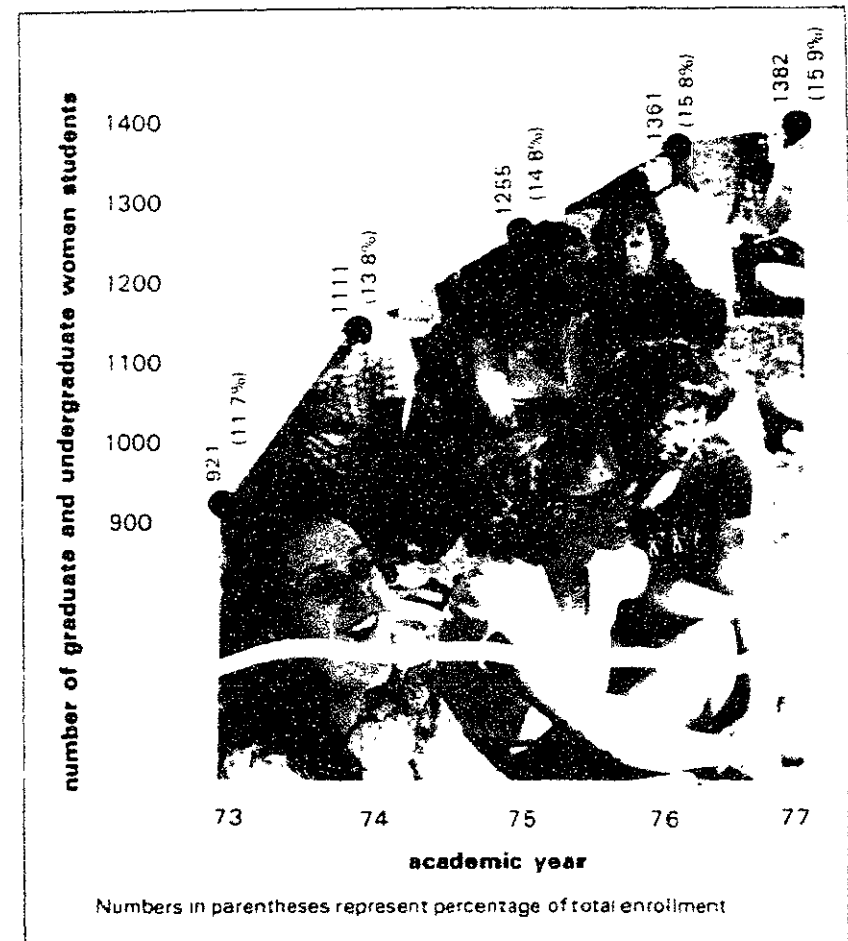
He stated that declining Scholastic Aptitude Test scores would not affect MIT admissions policy, and added that he did not envision any lowering of standards in order to accommodate more women, or men.

Richardson said that such a change would have undesirable consequences for MIT.

Up until now, the total number of women on campus has increased steadily, from 921 in 1973 to 1382 this year.



Figures supplied by the Admissions Office



Numbers in parentheses represent percentage of total enrollment

Lobby 7 to be redone

By Mark James

An IAP competition will bring together the design skills and imaginations of the MIT community to design a new interior structure for Lobby 7. David Browne '78, Lobby 7 Coordinator, said that the goals of the design would be to provide a lounge area, a platform for performances, and an area for displays.

In addition, Browne expressed hope that the new Lobby 7 could be rearranged and modified without changing its basic struc-

ture, so that the area might be used as an "architect's experimentation ground."

The "building block" lounge furniture installed five years ago on the south side of the lobby was designed to be rearranged often. Browne said. Prior to the time this structure was installed, an "erector set" staircase connected all of the floors of the lobby and provided lounge space.

Browne noted that one of the purposes of the design competition was to revive the architect-

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news roundup

Mideast

Jordan to miss Cairo peace talks — After meeting with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday, King Hussein of Jordan announced that his country would not take part in the peace talks between Israel and Egypt, which begin tomorrow in Cairo. Hussein said that "All that could be done has been done on our side," although he did express some interest in a renewed Geneva conference on the Middle East.

World

Japanese trade proposals called inadequate — Japanese trade negotiators presented proposals to American officials in Washington in order to improve the trade balance situation between the two countries. US trade official Robert Strauss said that the proposals fell short of American expectations. The meetings were called in order to find ways to reduce the flood of Japanese imports.

Nation

Natural gas debate still deadlocked — Senate and House energy conferees are still trying to break their deadlock over natural gas prices. In a closed session held yesterday, House participants made several minor concessions to the oil and gas industry, and agreed to draft a new proposal to present to the Senate today.

Local

Blue Line service restored — The MBTA Blue Line shut down completely yesterday due to collapsed overhead wires near the Orient Heights station. Service was first restored to the "live rail" stations between Bowdoin and Maverick, and was later restored out to the end of the line at Wonderland.

Sports

Washington suspended and fined for fighting — NBA Commissioner Larry O'Brien suspended Los Angeles Laker forward Kermit Washington for at least sixty days and fined him a league record \$10,000 for fighting during last Friday's game with the Houston Rockets. Washington broke Rockets forward Rudy Tomjanovich's nose and jaw, putting him out of action indefinitely.

Students seek Drop Date voice

By Benson Margulies

"The time has come for the students to show the faculty that they care about their education," stated John LoManto '80 at a meeting of the League of Concerned Students (LCS) in East Campus's Talbot Lounge on Sunday.

About twenty students met to discuss responses to the faculty proposals on drop date, grading, and freshman pass/fail. A policy statement was drafted, declaring that the organization will try to unify student and faculty opposition to the various "restrictive" proposals now or soon to be before the faculty.

The group grew out of a meeting in the Undergraduate Association office that drafted a letter to be sent to the faculty. In addition to the letter, the LCS announced several immediate objectives:

- 1) Having a statement on drop date read by a faculty member at the Dec. 21 meeting.
- 2) Encouraging students to attend that meeting.
- 3) Organizing students and faculty over IAP for the February faculty meeting.

According to a spokesman, the LCS is interested in increasing the

New design for Lobby 7

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tural experimentation that has not happened in the last several years due to cuts in the Lobby 7 budget and the termination of the full-time Lobby 7 Coordinator position.

The new structure will probably be built with student labor, Browne said.

He added that input on the new design is encouraged from anyone interested, not just architecture majors. An organizational meeting for the competition is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 11, in Room 7-141.

students' ability to influence decisions affecting their own education. The text of their statement was as follows:

"We are a group of students concerned about our lack of control of our education at MIT. We have been watching with increasing apprehension as certain members of the faculty have proposed a variety of actions that

would severely erode academic freedom. These include changes to drop date, grading policy, and freshman pass/fail.

"We wish to mobilize student and faculty interest in these issues, and increase student determination of academic policy. We call upon all interested students and faculty to join us in making our voices heard."



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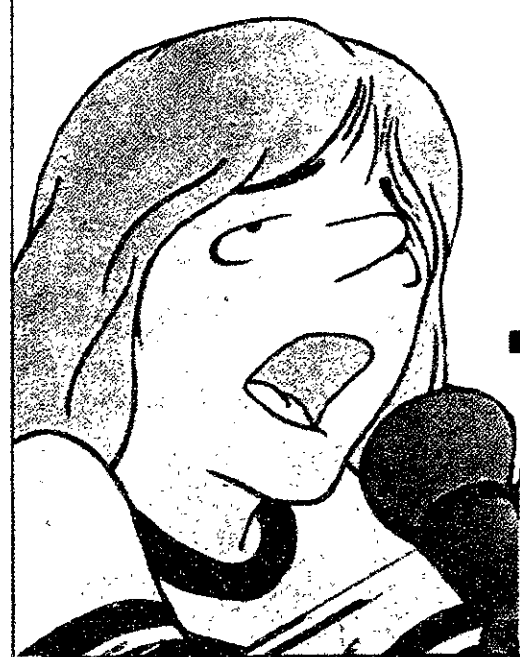
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opinion

Wasting 750 words on the NFL playoffs

By William Lasser

(With apologies to Glenn Brownstein.)

The National Football League season is winding to a close, with the second-to-last week of regular season competition behind us, and football fans everywhere can now look forward to the playoffs, which begin the weekend after next.

By the most incredible bit of statistical manipulation since some Madison Avenue advertising agency tried to prove that Tylenol sold more capsules of pain relief than Bayer aspirin, the New England Patriots, who have been chasing the Baltimore Colts since the middle of the season, are in worse shape because the Colts lost than they would have been had the Colts won. And Baltimore is in better shape because New England won than if the Patriots had lost.

Here's the story: because the Colts lost, New England must win next week against Baltimore, and Miami must lose to Buffalo for the local club to qualify for post-season competition. Had the Colts defeated Detroit on Sunday, a New England victory next week would have clinched a Patriot playoff spot.

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I know it sounds weird, but that's because it is. Before Sunday's action, Baltimore and Miami were tied at 9-3, followed by New England at 8-4. Now, had Baltimore won, they would now be 10-3, and, assuming New England won, as they did, both the Pats and the Dolphins would be 9-4. Then next week, a Patriot win combined with a Miami win would put all three teams at 10-4, and, by the NFL's bizarre way of breaking ties for division championships (which I can't even begin to understand) the Patriots would be declared the winners.

In that situation, if the Colts defeat New England, they would win with an 11-3 record. But if New England defeated Baltimore, then it wouldn't have mattered what the Dolphins did — the Dolphins would have been eliminated as of this week.

In reality, Baltimore lost to Detroit, and the Pats defeated Miami — that leaves all three teams tied at 9-4. So, if the Patriots beat Baltimore, and Miami defeats Buffalo, that would leave the Patriots and the Dolphins tied at 10-4 for the championship — and Miami would win because they have won more games in the Eastern Division than have the Patriots.

Now, if the Patriots lose to the Colts, and Miami beats Buffalo, Baltimore and Miami would be tied for the lead at 10-4, and the Colts would win. Why? Because although Baltimore and Miami would be tied in Division play at 6-2, Baltimore would be 9-3 in American Conference play while Miami would be only 8-4.

If the Patriots beat the Colts, and Buffalo — by some miracle — defeats Miami, then the Pats would be the outright winners, with a 10-4 record. The Colts and the Dolphins would be 9-5.

So, you see, the Patriots must win next week and hope Buffalo beats Miami. Whereas, if the Colts had won today, the Patriots would have been able to clinch a playoff spot by beating Baltimore next week, regardless of what happens in the Buffalo-Miami game.

There are about a dozen other situations, or so it seems — such as if the Pats and the Colts tie next week and Miami and Buffalo fight to a tie also. Then all three teams would be tied and New England would win the Division. And had the Patriots lost Sunday, then Miami could clinch the championship with a win against Buffalo.

It boils down to the fact that Baltimore — a team ahead of New England before this week — would have helped the Patriots out by winning in their game against Detroit. That's ridiculous.

And, to make things worse, the National Conference wild card spot is so much in doubt that point spreads will be invoked to declare a winner. But that's too complicated and remote for anybody without a computer to attempt to solve.

Isn't it wonderful, that with all the problems of the world, with Carter's energy bill still being hashed out by the congress, with the Drop Date under debate and freshman pass/fail threatened by an overzealous faculty, that anyone can devote this much time to something as stupid as the NFL's playoff system?

feedback

Class officers speak out

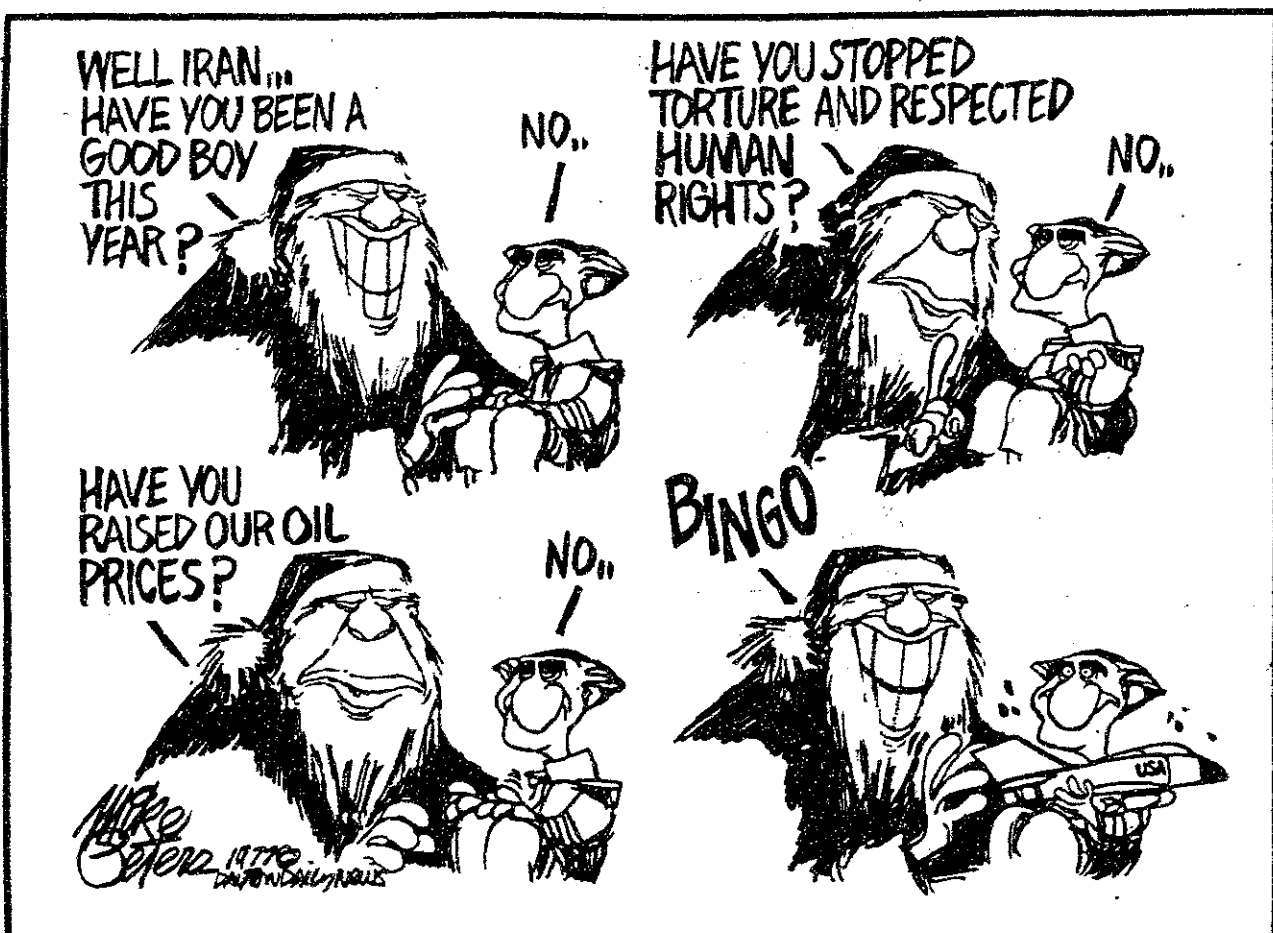
(Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of this letter to the MIT community.)

As officers of the Classes of 1979 and 1980 we feel compelled to comment on the proposed alterations to the present Drop Date policy. A decision by the Faculty to shift the Drop Date, restricting the options of the students, would reflect an underestimation by the Faculty of the maturity of the student body. Replacing the present system would serve only to increase the academic pressure. Learning will not be enhanced by constricting the students' freedom. More freedom of choice is needed, not less. An important part of the educational process is being given responsibility.

In a recent letter to *The Tech* (Dec. 6), Professor Robert Hulsizer stated, "the recommendation for a change in the Drop Date policy has been made solely on educational grounds." We feel that revisions to the present policy should be opposed on educational grounds.

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feedback

On the role of the Faculty

(Editor's note: The Tech received a copy of this letter to the Committee on Academic Performance.)

Dear CAP Members:

What is your raison d'être at MIT? How many professors have asked themselves this question? As a student, I certainly have my own conception of a professor's purpose at an educational institution but my opinion would appear to differ from your own views most recently elucidated in the drop date controversy. In this letter I hope to shed some light on the nature of the current problem by clarifying the differences in our perceptions of the same role.

It is my belief that the overwhelming responsibility of a professor is to provide as best an education as possible to the students at MIT. All other concerns should be secondary to this paramount goal. In relation to the drop date issue, it seems that only one of the CAP's two basic arguments relates to this idea. The other, which I will treat first, concerns the deflation of the grading system. A system which is merely an indicator of the educational system and therefore secondary to the actual process. Why then do professors hold this secondary aspect in such high esteem? Could it be that they have mistaken their objectives to imply that their sole purpose is to segregate students into neat little groups regardless of their education? It seems certain that a professor should be able to ascertain whether a student has assimilated the education which he himself has provided without having to compare the student to another variable quantity, that is his fellow students. At least I would hope this to be the case. Grade deflation therefore provides a poor basis for the drop date proposal.

The second of the CAP's arguments deals with the educational process in a very noble and fatherly way. Re-worded it might be read, "Thou shalt not bite off more than thou can chew." While I am deeply touched by the CAP's apparent concern for its overworked students, I am not willing to be told how many courses I can and cannot take. I fail to see the heinous crime of learning only 2/3 of a course. Having personally overloaded to a small extent during all of my 3 years here, I will admit on

retrospect that my effort was at times slightly diluted but I also find the extended background I have gained by overloading to be much more beneficial than any marginal gain I might have made by limiting myself. This is just one of the arguments centering around the student's control of his own education. The underlying argument is that as a necessary part of his education, a student should begin to realize his own limitations. He should therefore be allowed as much control over his own life as possible. Therefore, the CAP should not presume to tell the student where to set his limits.

In conclusion, while I admire

the professors' concern over the students' welfare, I can't help but think that if they directed their energies towards improving educational techniques, the need of which is especially apparent at MIT, that the prime objective of the professor would be better served. I would therefore like to request that each CAP member ask himself sometime before the next meeting, whether his actions are directed towards the improvement of the educational process or for the mere convenience of simplifying the responsibilities associated with teaching a class.

Bradley S. Albom, '78
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Police Blotter

Snow emergencies

With the arrival of winter, motorists are reminded that snow removal operations often require removal of automobiles from certain areas so that plows can operate effectively. Snow removal parking regulations, which are enforced as a matter of public safety, are generally as follows:

City of Cambridge

Cambridge "snow emergencies" are declared by the city manager, and are then announced over most local radio and T.V. stations. Parking is then prohibited on designated emergency arteries. Permanent street signs indicate the existence of an emergency artery; many streets in the MIT area are emergency arteries. Any vehicle blocking snow removal equipment may be subject to ticketing and/or towing at the owner's expense.

On campus

Recognizing that the circumstances of each snowstorm differ as to the day (business day vs. weekend, or holiday) and the hour (12 Noon vs. 12 Midnight) of the occurrence of the snowfall, information and guidelines from the Institute may vary. During periods of heavy snowfall, information concerning on-campus snow removal operations may be obtained by calling Campus Police Headquarters (x3-1212). Note that after heavy snowfalls, parking in large open parking lots (Sloan, Tang, Westgate, Kresge and Albany Open) may be temporarily prohibited to allow for snow removal. In such cases, "Snow Removal" signs will be posted eight hours in advance of plowing.

Storage of cars

Though facilities are very limited, persons who wish to store their cars on campus while they are away during the vacation/IAP period may in certain cases obtain special "dead parking" permission from parking personnel at Campus Patrol. Information concerning this permission and certain requirements which must be met may be obtained by calling Headquarters (x3-1212) during regular business hours. Cars left dead parked on campus without display of the special permit may be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

Christmas/IAP Storage

As in past years, the Campus Police will make available storage space for students absent from the campus over the Christmas vacation and/or IAP who have small, valuable property to store (T.V.'s, stereos, etc.). Due to a serious storage space shortage, the following guidelines will be observed:

- items to be stored must be reasonably small,
- they must be completely contained in sealed boxes or cases
- the boxes or cases must be clearly marked with the owner's name, term address, and expected date of return.

Articles to be stored may be brought to Headquarters (Armory, 2nd floor) Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm.

River ice dangerous

With the onset of long periods of cold weather, sooner or later ice is bound to appear on the surface of the Charles River. The community is reminded that, due to the peculiarities of the Charles' currents and eddies, the river never freezes to a depth sufficient to safely support much weight. Consequently, despite how solid the surface may look from shore, it is always extremely dangerous to walk on river ice. We urge

everyone to admire the beauty of the river in winter from the safety of terra firma.

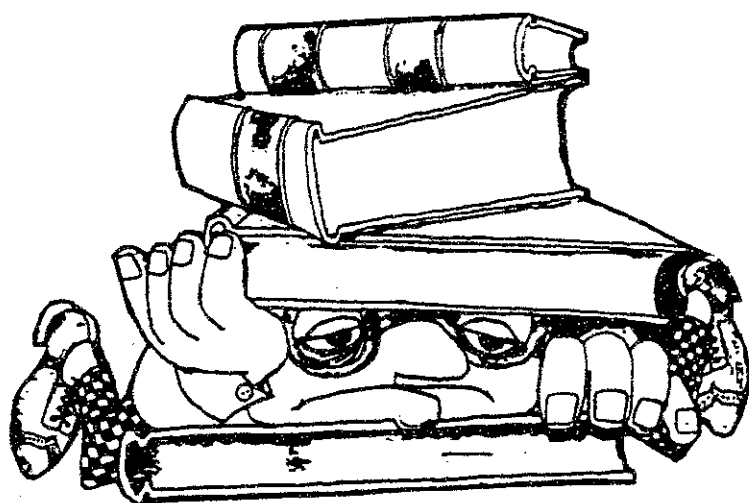
Eyeglasses in Lost & Found

Nearly thirty pair of prescription eyeglasses, some in cases, have been turned in to Lost and Found over the past few months. Anyone missing a pair is invited to view the collection at Campus Police Headquarters (2nd floor of Armory).

A reminder from

THE TECH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Lover has potential but not memorable

🐼🐼🐼 The World's Greatest Lover, a Twentieth Century-Fox release; produced, directed, and written by Gene Wilder; starring Gene Wilder, Carol Kane, Dom DeLuise, and Fritz Feld; opening soon at Sack theaters; rated PG.

By Drew Blakeman

Gene Wilder is quickly becoming one of cinema's comic geniuses. Someday he will join the ranks of Mel Brooks, Woody Allen, Buster Keaton, and Charlie Chaplin, but he isn't there yet. *The World's Greatest Lover* is not a bad movie, but it isn't that good either. The word I'm looking for is "mediocre."

This movie is a pleasant little comedy about a baker in Milwaukee (Wilder) who packs up and moves to Hollywood with his wife, Annie (Carol Kane). He auditions along with thousands of other men aspiring to replace Rudolph Valentino as the nation's sex symbol. Producer Adolph Zitz (Dom DeLuise) sees his audition and, well,

you can guess the rest.

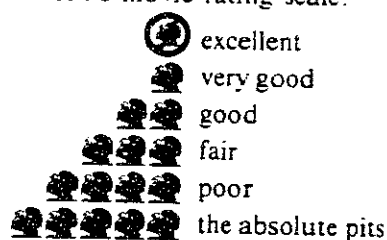
Although this film is fairly funny, there is very little that sticks with the viewer after the final credits have been shown. People tend to remember many of the lines and routines in the films of Wilder's mentor Mel Brooks, but there is nothing particularly memorable about *The World's Greatest Lover*. This is only the second film that Wilder wrote, directed, and starred in, and is considerably better than his first effort, *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes' Smarter Brother*.

Much of the humor in this movie consists of sight gags and one-liners, which is not bad in itself. However, the running gags don't work, and the flow of the film's action seems too disjointed. Most of the comedy revolves around mild profanity and sexual innuendo, which becomes tiring after a little while.

The acting is effective, but not exciting. Both Wilder and DeLuise play parts that they have played countless times before in other movies, although DeLuise is more appealing here than he has been previously. Kane turns in this film's best performance as Wilder's naive and frightened wife.

With time and experience, Gene Wilder should become one of the most important producers of comedy during the next few decades. He has the potential and the training; the only thing lacking is the execution. And that should be forthcoming in his next film or two.

The Tech's movie rating scale:



Monet's paintings unveiled

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, is currently holding an exhibition of works by the French Impressionist painter Claude Monet entitled *Monet Unveiled: A New Look at Boston's Paintings*. The stunning exhibition, which is the first exclusive

Monet show at the Museum in 20 years, will continue through Jan. 29.

The MFA's Monet collection is its largest outside of Paris and will be augmented in *Monet Unveiled* by a small number of paintings on long-term loan from private collections.

The Museum's 36 paintings by Monet, now freed of discolored varnish, are included in this special exhibition. "We want this amazing collection to be seen again as a group," said John Walsh, Jr., the MFA Curator of Paintings and organizer of the exhibition. "It represents Monet at his strongest and now that the dirty varnish is gone, the experience will be quite new for everyone. The paintings are vibrant with light and color that have been obscured for years."

The MFA's collection is unusual, strong in the paintings done by Monet in the 1880's and '90's, and offers an unparalleled look at a vitally important period in his career. Monet lived from 1840 to 1926 and spent the last forty years of his life exploring the fleeting, shifting appearances of the natural world under changing conditions of light and atmosphere.

The exhibition presents some of his most famous paintings, including 11 works from several renowned series of paintings on single subjects seen in various conditions of light. The *Haystack*, *Rouen Cathedral*, and *Water-Lilies* series are all represented, either pairs or trios of canvases.

The cleaning of the Monet collection is the achievement of a two-and-a-half year effort by the MFA's Conservator of Paintings, Elizabeth H. Jones, a leading figure in art conservation who has a strong interest in Monet's works, and her associates Brigitte Smith and Jean Woodward.

"Monet painted with a high-keyed palette, making use of his brush to create subtle variations of color," Miss Jones explained. "The fine gradations of color Monet created cannot be appreciated when masked by a cover of varnish that acts like a filter, dampening and even altering the original colors."

The exhibit is held in two spacious skylight galleries that are flooded with daylight. The canvases are hung to give the viewer a sense of the chronology and interrelationships of Monet's works; each is labeled with relevant art historical and technical information. Several large-scale Polaroid photographs taken while the paintings were half-cleaned demonstrate the dramatic results of the conservation effort.

The Department of Public Education is organizing a variety of activities which include gallery talks, lecture series, and workshops. One of the special programs includes a symposium on Monet, Sat., Jan. 21, from 10 to 4pm in the Lecture Hall — admission is \$2 for students. It should be an interesting and educational addition to an artistically beautiful exhibit.

Records by War, Roberts and others

Galaxy — War on MCA Records

This is War's first album on the MCA label, after several years with United Artists. Perhaps in commemoration of this switch, the band has abandoned its boring quasi-rock style and returned to its soul roots.

The change is definitely for the better — just about everything War has put out in the last three years has either sounded a lot like their first hits, "Slipping into Darkness" and "Cisco Kid," or just sounded dumb ("Why Can't we be Friends?," for example).

This album, however, is a solid collection of soul with a Latin beat that is not really disco — it's pleasant listening.

— David B. Koretz

Bruce Roberts on Elektra Records

Bruce Roberts has a reasonable voice and writes reasonable songs, but this album really doesn't do anything more spectacular than take up space on the shelf.

This record was released almost concurrently on Elektra with Carole Bayer Sager's solo attempt; on both albums are a lot of songs co-written by Roberts, Sager and Bette Midler. I would guess they just divided them up evenly. Where as Sager's style is pleasant, Roberts' is boring.

There's nothing really objectionable on this album: the instrumentation isn't bad and the easy-listening beat isn't too annoying. But really Bruce, why bother?

— David B. Koretz

It Takes One To Know One — Detective on Swan Song Records

This album is good if you need background music for a party — it refuses to distract you. Detective is a group of very talented musicians whose potential, sadly, is not realized on this disc.

This band has two speeds, medium slow and medium fast. Side One sounds like Bad Company played at 16rpm "Help Me Up" has AM possibilities, but only if it's cut to half its length (it just goes on and on and on...) the lyrics to "Are You Talkin' To Me" are right out of a scene from *Taxi Driver*.

The second side is much better. They actually started to rock. "Ever" is easily the best song on the album, even if it does sound like something right off of Led Zepplin II (which shouldn't be too surprising, considering whose record label they're on).

Someone else should write their songs. Michael Des Barres is straining his voice to

sound raw and raunchy, Larry Kaye (Yes's first keyboardist) is wasting away playing accompaniment, and Michael Monarch played a much more enthusiastic guitar when he was with Steppenwolf.

— Katy Gropp

Works Vol. II — Emerson, Lake & Palmer on Atlantic Records

In mid-March ELP finally released the long-awaited *Works Vol. I*, the group's first studio album in over three years. Now, only seven months later, we have *Works Vol. II* the conclusion to the *Works* project. In contrast to some of *Vol. I*'s lengthier outings, the single LP of *Vol. 2* showcases the virtuosity of ELP in twelve tracks of solo and group pieces, each clocking in at under five minutes.

The album opens with the group effort "Tiger in a Spotlight", an ultra-fast boogie that originally was released as a promotional single for the *Brain Salad Surgery* album. Next is another collective work, "When the Apple Blossoms Bloom in the Windmills of Your Mind, Will You Be My Valentine?" an instrumental featuring Emerson's synthesizer wizardry. "Bullfrog" is the first Carl Palmer contribution to the album. In this song, he is backed up by the British jazz-rock trio, Back Door. As usual, Palmer continues to amaze us with his skill on drums and tuned percussion.

"Brain Salad Surgery," another rocking group collaboration, was originally released as the flip side of "Tiger in a Spotlight." The Emerson solo, "Barrelhouse Shake-Down," displays another facet of his talent: honky-tonk piano playing. Side one closes with the Greg Lake ballad "Watching Over You." Lake is assisted in the lyrics department by Peter Sinfield.

Sinfield's lyrical talents appear again in the piece "So Far to Fall," a piece in which the group is backed by an orchestra. Emerson and the London Symphony are featured in the next cut, a rendition of the Scott Joplin rag: "Maple Leaf Rag." Just in time for Christmas, Lake's 1975 hit single "I Believe in Father Christmas" is included in the collection. A Palmer big band effort follows: "Close But Not Touching," this leads into Emerson's interpretation of an old Meade "Lux" Lewis tune: "Honky Tonk Train Blues." The album closes with the last group effort, an orchestrated version of the barroom blues: "Show Me the Way to Go Home."

I recommend this album very highly, especially because of the addition of the unreleased singles — they are an ELP fan's dream come true. As always ELP's releases are of the excellent quality that made them the supergroup they are.

— David Shaw



ELP reassert their return to activity with the release of *Works Vol. II* (Photo courtesy of Atlantic Records)

sports cont.

Navy outshoots MIT by 70

By Gary S. Engelson

The varsity pistol team hosted two meets this weekend in the du-Pont range. Saturday's meet was a disappointing but not entirely unexpected loss to Navy. An International Sectional Tryout for air pistol in which several MIT people did very well was

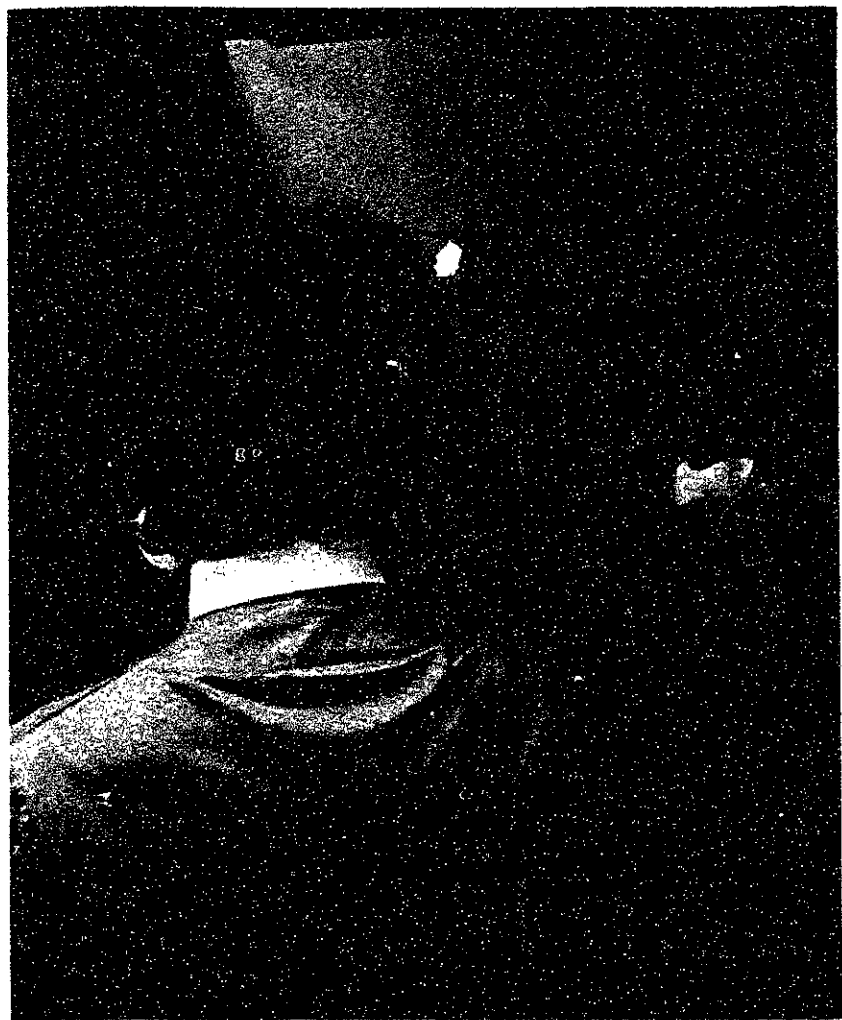
held on Sunday.

In the first contest Navy turned in an impressive team total of 3216 to MIT's 3146. The MIT team was without Captain Dennis McMullen '78, who would have been expected to shoot somewhere in the 790's, to go with a 796 by senior Dave Schal-

ler and a 798 by senior Phillip Morris. Junior David Miller's 792 and sophomore Kyle Brown's 760.

Sunday's tryouts were part of a series of such matches which determine the people to be invited to Phoenix in June when they will attempt to become part of the United States team in a three-day match. In the Open class of shooting, Barry Colt, a Boston State instructor and pistol coach, took top honors with a 376 in individual competition and a 372 in the team effort. The First Master spot was attained by an MIT graduate student, Steve Goldstein with a 374 and a 372. Miller became Second Master with a 365 and 379. The second score broke the collegiate record of 378 and the junior record of 370, but since they were recorded in team competition they will not become the new records. In the Expert class Schaller took top honors with a 373 and 365. An administrator in the Mechanical Engineering Department was right behind Schaller with 352 and 371. All of these scores are good enough to receive an invitation to June's match. MIT had no shooters place in the Sharpshooter or Marksman classes.

On Dec. 17 the Engineers will face Boston State and Rutgers at 9am. MIT is expected to bring their 2-1 record up to 4-1 in that match. The next international tryouts held here will be on Jan. 22 in which the shooters will shoot the free and standard pistols.



Kyle Brown '80 fires in Saturday's match against Navy. (Photo by Shawn Wilson)



Saturday the MIT track team hosted Holy Cross in the season's second meet. Holy Cross narrowly defeated the Engineers, 72-64. (Photo by Shawn Wilson)

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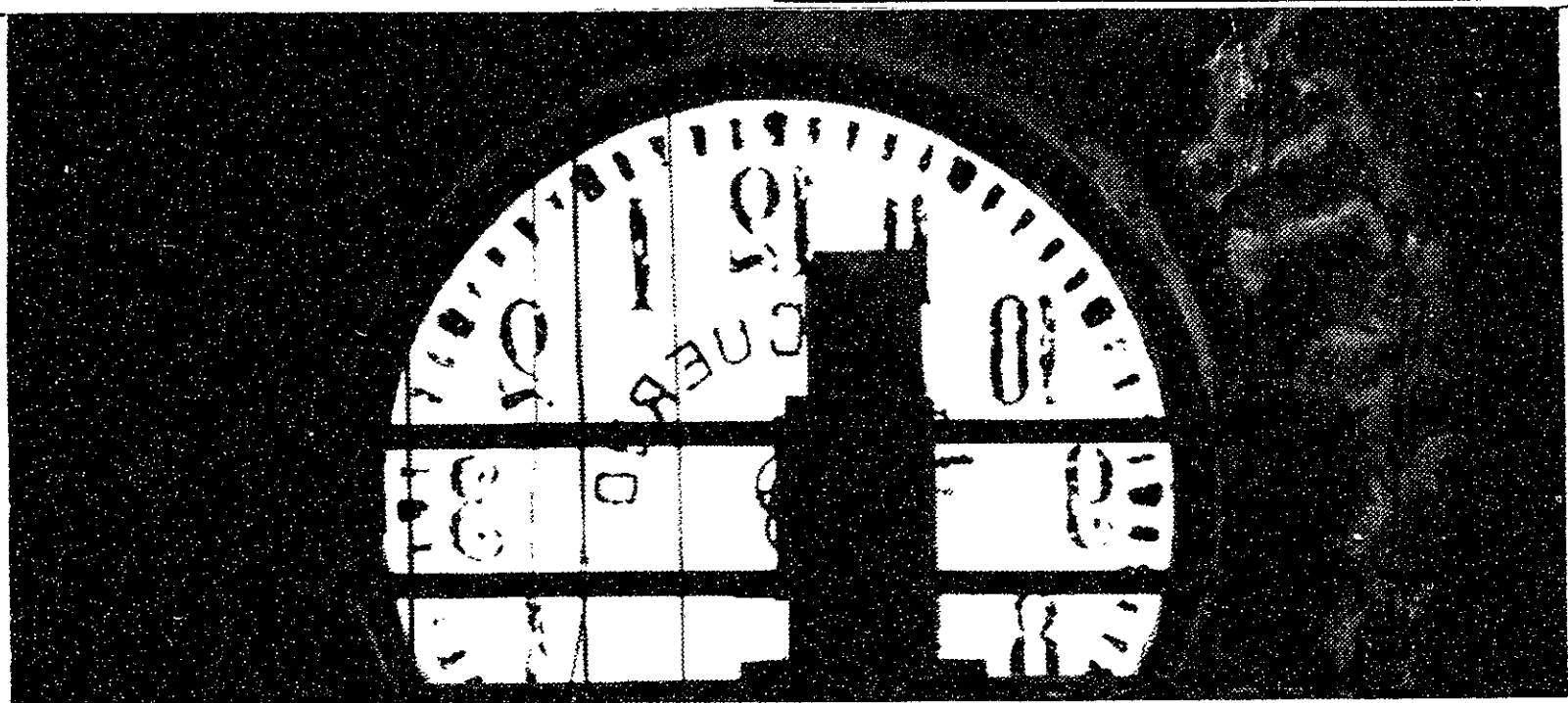
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sports

Winter aggravates sports facility crunch

By Tom Curtis

The arrival of winter has once again emphasized the need for new athletic facilities at MIT. In particular, the skating rink has had many problems staying in working order and appears to be on the verge of death.

The major problem with the rink is that it was designed to have only a ten to twelve year lifetime. However, on January 8, it will begin its 23rd year of operation (that is, if it does not break down again before then.)

Even if the rink were in good operating order, there would still be problems. Being an outdoor facility, the rink is at the mercy of the weather. When the weather is warm, as it was in November, nothing can be done to keep the ice from melting. Of course, this can work both ways. In fact, recently, the only reason the rink was open was the cool weather since the pipes were not working properly.

Although not as pressing a problem as the ice rink, Rockwell Cage is nevertheless a problem. The Cage has brought new meaning to the

foul shots

phrase "freezing the basketball." Fans almost always wear their coats and sweaters throughout

a sporting event in Rockwell Cage. I am amazed that no basketball player or trackman has been frostbitten in the Cage.

The problem may be that the facility was not designed for the New England climate. It was originally used at an Army Training Camp in the South before MIT purchased it in 1948 and moved it here.

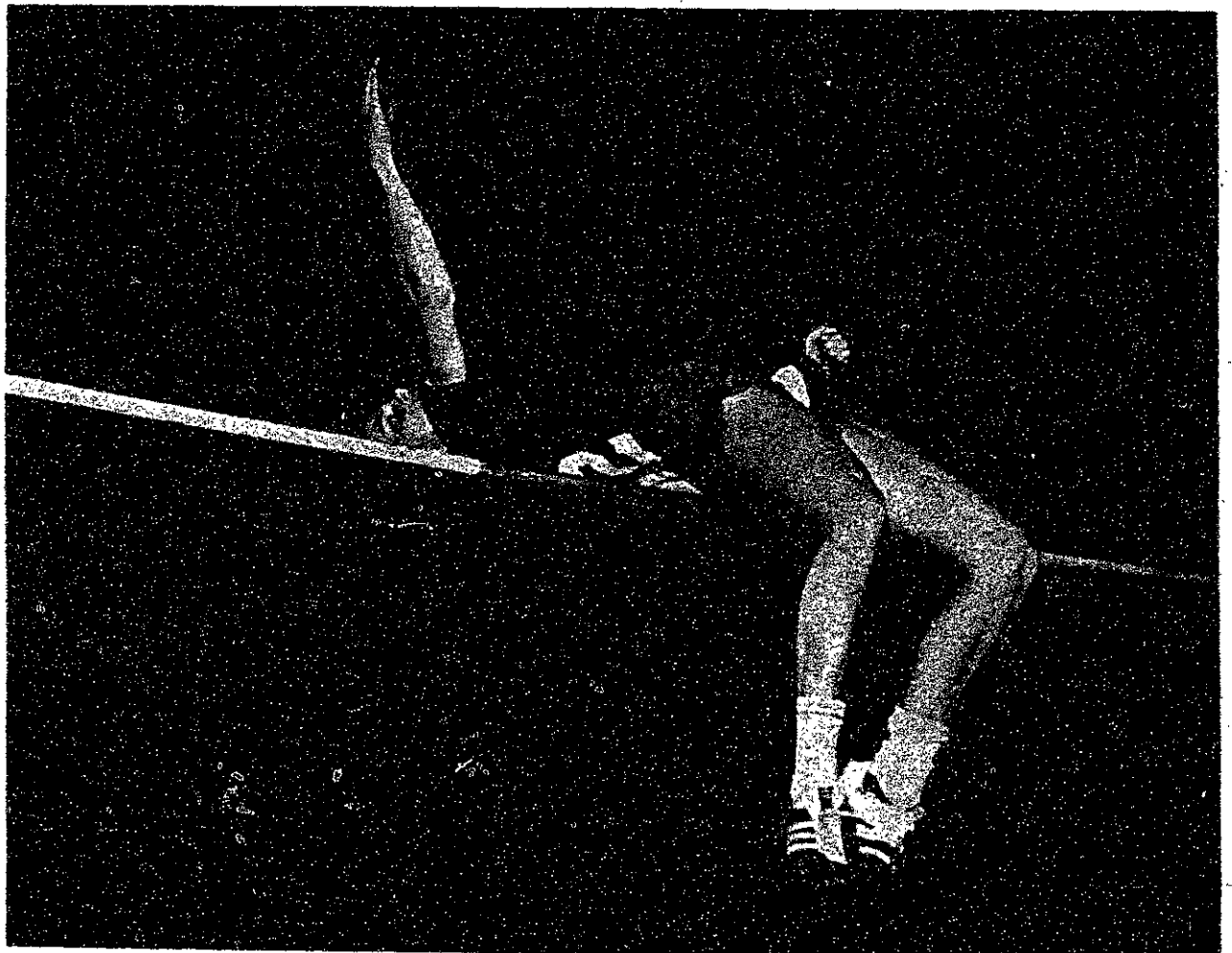
Besides being cold, the Cage is less than a spectator's paradise in other ways. For one thing, the only good vantage point for watching a track race is the top of the basketball stands which are located in the center of the track oval. Spectators are thus forced into the dizzying position of having to spin around and around to watch a race. Watching a mile run can be a sickening experience.

Finally, there is the problem of Alumni Pool. While there is nothing structurally wrong with the Pool, its one 25-yard pool is just not adequate for the 18,000 members of the MIT community.

What then is to be done to solve the problem? The MIT administration first realized these problems about ten years ago. Four years ago the present proposal for a new athletic complex was made. This complex would include an indoor rink, an indoor track, and a swimming pool.

However, virtually nothing has been done towards construction of the athletic complex because of the lack of alumni funding. In fact, the present rate of contributions is barely keeping up with inflation.

Athletics are the only activity — beside eating, sleeping, and studying — in which the majority of the student body participates. We students should not be forced to continue to use inadequate, inferior, unreliable facilities. If the MIT administration cares at all about students, it should make the athletic complex its number one fund-raising priority.



MIT lost a close track meet Saturday in the running events despite a fine effort. The team fared better in the field events. (Photo by Gary Engelson)

Track loss brings record to 1-1

By Michael Taviss

Last Friday the MIT track team came within 9 points of beating the competitive Holy Cross team in Rockwell Cage. In the first meet of the season, the Engineers beat Brandeis and Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), but they weren't able to repeat the win this time.

MIT started out very strongly by winning the 35 pound weight throw, the long jump, and the shot put. The winners were Stephen Sifferlen '78, Kwaku Temeng '79, and Frederick Bunke '78, respectively. In the first two

events, the Engineers also took third place.

Then MIT took both first and second place in the mile run. Leonard Nasser '80, and David Westenberg '80 brought in times of 4:34.2 and 4:36.3 to do this job.

Norman Toplosky '80 gave the Engineers a first in the 600 yard event, and John Dillon '78 did the same for the 880. MIT did not do as well in the other events except for the pole vault, where they managed to take both first and third, freshman Lewis Bender winning that.

At this point MIT had 64 points and Holy Cross 62 points. There were only two events left, the one and two-mile relays, and everything hinged on them but

Holy Cross won them both by seconds, dealing the Engineers a great disappointment. The final score was Holy Cross 72 and MIT 64.

"We know we were going to be the underdog," veteran coach Gordon Kelly said after the meet was over. He has been coaching here for 16 years, and this is his fifth season as head coach. "We were very pleased with the win we had last week (vs. Brandeis and WPI). We are very pleased to come as close as we did to Holy Cross," he concluded.

Friday evening in Rockwell Cage, the Alumni meet will be held. The opposing team is made up entirely of MIT alumni, so this should be a lot of fun to watch.

NFL season ends at last

By Drew Blakeman

It's almost over. One more weekend, and the NFL season will draw to a close — for all but the eight playoff bound teams. Eight teams are battling for the four remaining playoff spots (Bill Lasser's column on page four should make the situation a little clearer). This week's predictions are

Minnesota 7, Detroit 6 — The Vikings have been hurting badly, but a win over the Lions will give them the division title.

Miami 34, Buffalo 13 — Even if the Dolphins win here, they must depend on the Patriots to beat the Colts in order to win the AFC East.

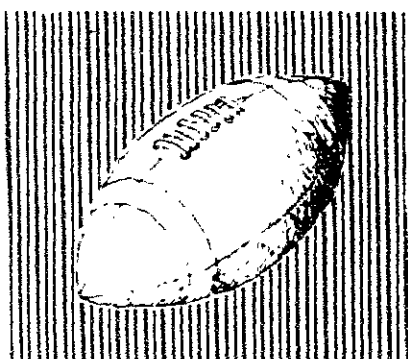
Washington 31, Los Angeles 27 — The Redskins need to win at home, and have either the Vikings or the Bears lose, in order to clinch the NFC wild-card slot.

Baltimore 17, New England 14 — The Colts can wrap it up without help from anyone else if they win in Baltimore.

Denver 27, Dallas 20 — This could well be the matchup in Superbowl XXI come January.

Atlanta 17, New Orleans 6 — Any team that loses to Tampa Bay should be given a two-touchdown handicap on general principles.

Cleveland 19, Seattle 10 — A Browns victory gives them a .500 record — not bad for a last place team.



Chicago 14, New York Giants 3 — The Bears clinch the wild-card with a victory — maybe.

Cincinnati 38, Houston 7 — All the Bengals need do is beat the Oilers, and they'll be the AFC Central Champs.

Philadelphia 7, New York Jets 3 — So who really cares about this game anyway?

St. Louis 28, Tampa Bay 7 — The Cardinals will end the Buccaneers winning streak at one.

Pittsburgh 22, San Diego 19 — The Steelers need to have Houston upset Cincinnati in order to win their division.

San Francisco 27, Green Bay 13 — This is just another one of those "wait until next year" games.

Oakland 44, Kansas City 10 — Normally, the last game listed in this column is a Monday night game, but we're through with Howard Cosell for the year. Hurrah!

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